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Tennis courts: 'love' or 'fault'?

A proposal brought to USG about building new playing facilities

By Candice Jones
REPORTER

The ball is in the Undergraduate Student Government's court after a visit from Jay Wiseman, assistant coach of the women's tennis team.

Last night, Wiseman asked USG to consider supporting the construction of a new tennis facility on campus. The facility, to be built on what is now the golf practice area, would cost

between 1.25 and 2.3 million dollars to build.

He thinks the price is within the University's reach.

"This cost is really pretty reasonable," Wiseman said.

The facility presented by the tennis program would be open to the Bowling Green community as well as students and the varsity tennis team. It would include six indoor courts, six outdoor courts, locker rooms, storage and a pro shop.

In order to help raise the money necessary to make the additions, Wiseman presented a plan to add money onto student

fees specifically to be put toward the facility. The fee would be no more than \$24 per semester for each student on campus.

Some USG senators were concerned students would not appreciate the additional fee. Sen. Nikki Messmore said she needed to know more information before she formed an opinion, but she was weary of the fee.

"It's just a lot of extra money to tack on to student fees," she said.

The tennis program will also seek out private and cooperate donations to raise money for their facility, which they hope to start building in late July. Wiseman

wants to open the new facility as soon as possible so the team can start using the new courts in the spring 2006-2007 season.

Because of the current condition of the University courts, the women's team will only host one out of their 23 matches this year. Some schools in the Mid-American Conference have refused to play on the courts, which are cracked and uneven.

"The courts aren't even suitable for a junior high team to play on," Wiseman said.

But the new courts would be

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Condoleezza Rice and British Foreign Secretary seek peace in Iraq by meeting with Iraqi factions. Rice insists progress is being made, although two-thirds of Americans say they don't like how the war is being handled; **PAGE 10**

Last respects held tomorrow for Alum

University graduate, employee still lives on in wonderful memories

By Bridget Tharp
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Funeral services are set for Wednesday for alum and University employee, Rhonda D. Crittendon, who died last week. Her car was struck from behind on State Route 25 in Perrysburg.

Last Thursday evening Crittendon, 24, had stopped her car southbound near Five Point Road. She was adjusting her two-year-old son's seatbelt when her car was hit by a sport utility vehicle, Perrysburg police said.

The other driver, Timothy J. Krucki, of Findlay, told police that he was talking with his son Kevin when he "suddenly noticed [the] car dead in front of me." He said he tried to stop, but "hit her vehicle at close to full speed" with his GMC Yukon.

No citations were issued in the crash, although that doesn't rule out the possibility that charges could be filed later, police said.

Crittendon died on the scene. Her son, Javien Lawson, was flown by air ambulance to St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center. He has since been trans-

ferred to Rainbow Babies and Children Hospital in Cleveland where he is being treated for two broken legs and foot injuries. He is expected to fully recover, said his grandmother, Trenise Jones. Jones added that she will raise him.

Crittendon was on her cell phone talking to her mom, Jones, when she was hit.

After such a tragedy, Jones has been comforted by hearing from those with fond memories of her daughter.

"Whatever she did, she did her best at," Jones said. "So many people have been telling me how wonderful she was. She touched so many lives."

Originally from Cleveland, Crittendon graduated from East Technical High School. She was doing a year of national service in AmeriCorps, after she graduated from the University last May with a bachelor's degree in biology. She was also working on a master's degree from another school online at the time of her death, her co-workers said.

Most recently, Crittendon tutored elementary school students as the Reading A-Z Program Coordinator in Grand Rapids, Ohio. She did that work

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Council supports home improvement

By Holly Abrams
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Bowling Green residents who are interested in fixing up their older homes should be eligible to continue applying for state funds for house repairs and improvements.

At their meeting last night, the city council showed their continued support of a community housing financing project by passing a resolution anticipating the upcoming 2007 to 2011 funding period.

The project, called the Community Housing Improvement Strategy, is a state program that provides money through a local home surveying program called the Community Development Block Grant.

Similar to a loan program, the CHIS allows residents who purchase older homes in the city to apply for state funding

for repairs and rehabilitation for their homes. In addition, first time homeowners can apply for funds to cover their initial downpayment.

"The city can provide funds to private homeowner rehabilitation," said Mike Frost, Ward 4 representative. "If you meet the criteria, you might get some money for improvements."

The city must reapply for the funding program every benchmark period — or five years, according to John Zanfardino, Ward 2 representative. The previous funding period ended in 2005.

"That is the kind of funding that Bowling Green or other locations can bring in for housing," Zanfardino said. "And with that money they can make requests for proposals."

HOME IMPROVEMENT, PAGE 2



In a parking jam

Bowling Green divides over overnight tows

By Megan Yodzis
REPORTER

Drinking and driving is always preached about — especially on college campuses. But when the weather is cold, students will favor a ride in the car rather than a long walk.

Bowling Green city officials are encountering a problem with students leaving their cars downtown overnight in front of the bars. This occurs mostly on weekends when trips to the bars are the most popular.

Students will drive downtown and park their cars on the side of the street by the bar they are going to for the evening. But between the hours of 3 a.m. and 5 a.m., city police have the right to tow any car left on the road.

"That's not fair because what about the people who drive down there and don't want to drive back drunk?" Freshman Anna Denkowski said.

The reason for the towing these cars is for street cleaning, or, in the winter season, for snow removal, according to Lt. Brad Conner of the city police.

There are numerous signs posted downtown that tell the driver their car will be towed if left on the street between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. Conner said the signs were impossible to miss.

Brandon Banes, junior, said, "Yeah, I've seen

the signs and that's why it takes me forever to find another place to park. I end up parking on a side street and have to walk to the bars."

According to Conner, there are alternative places provided to park downtown.

"Park in a city lot or in a lot of the business you are going to," he said.

Denkowski said she usually tries to park behind the restaurants, but it is rare to find a spot there especially on a Friday or Saturday night.

Students who leave bars intoxicated beyond the point of operating a vehicle are encouraged to call a sober friend. The consequences of driving while intoxicated are far worse, Conner said.

Banes thought it would be a better idea to give the students a time limit — such as 1 p.m. the next day — to go get their cars instead of having the cars towed that night.

"By towing the cars it almost encourages students to drive drunk, it they threaten to make students pay to get their car out of the impound lot," Denkowski said. "College students are poor and more prone to make a bad decision, like drinking and driving, when money is involved."

If students are upset about these rules there is always the best solution: "Be responsible, don't drink to the point where you can't drive," Conner said.

FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

WEDNESDAY



Partly Cloudy

High: 51°
Low: 32°

THURSDAY



Partly Cloudy

High: 57°
Low: 46°

FRIDAY



T-Storms

High: 64°
Low: 45°

SATURDAY



Few Showers

High: 52°
Low: 35°

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ACTION!



MAKING MAGIC: Will Roegge films as Jarod Rosenacker explains to Jennifer Cole how she should portray the next scene. Brian Watts works the sound and Any Wright handles the marker. The group used the upstairs of Easy Street Cafe to film their final project for their film class. The film's entitled "In an Instance."

Pat Dorsman BG News

Two children killed in SUV fire

Father suspected of starting fire, leaving kids in flaming vehicle

By Peter Prengaman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — The father of two young children found burned beyond recognition in a sport utility vehicle will be booked on suspicion of murder, police said Monday.

Dae Kwon Yun, 54, was found near the SUV with severe burns on his face, hands and legs, authorities said. He was taken to a hospital, where he was listed in critical condition Monday.

Yun and his wife had been separated for about two weeks, and he was living out of his vehicle, authorities said.

"Detectives believe the killings were related to the estrangement of Yun and his wife," a police statement released Monday said.

Police believed the victims were 11-year-old Ashley and 10-year-old Alexander, but positive identification was difficult because the bodies were so severely burned.

The children had planned to go to the movies with their father on Sunday, and their mother expected them back that

evening, the police statement said. Witnesses told police they saw Yun arguing in Korean with his daughter outside the family's vehicle in a downtown alley.

The SUV erupted into flames just moments after Yun forced the girl into the vehicle then sat in the front passenger seat himself, police said. As the car burned from the inside, Yun opened the door and rolled out, the statement said.

It wasn't clear whether Yun had intended to kill himself along with his children and then changed his mind, said police Detective Vic Pietrantonio.

"We need to talk to the father

to find out what he was thinking," he said.

Firefighters reached the SUV about 4:45 p.m. and discovered the bodies after extinguishing the fire, said Brian Humphrey, a fire department spokesman.

Yun's wife, Ok Ma Sun, owns a small business near the scene of the blaze, authorities said. She told police that her husband may also have been distraught over a gambling debt.

Eunice Kwak, 41, who works at a shop across the street, recalled that Yun's wife had said Yun had beaten her in the past. But Kwak said she never witnessed any physical violence herself.

Upset reactions to Thai elections

Prime minister elections spark protests in Thailand

By Rungrawee C. Pinyorat
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BANGKOK, Thailand — Thailand's prime minister claimed victory yesterday but acknowledged a strong protest vote in an election held after weeks of demonstrations demanding his resignation for alleged corruption and abuse of power.

Thaksin Shinawatra offered to set up a committee to judge whether he should step down despite receiving 57 percent of votes cast Sunday. But critics rejected the idea as insincere and called for new anti-government protests this week.

"The prime minister just wants to find ways to stay in power by finding new marketing strategies and new products," opposition Democrat Party spokesman Ong-Art Klampaiboon said, an apparent reference to Thaksin's background as a tycoon who made his fortune in telecommunications.

With the opposition criticism, and likely legal tangles over technicalities of the balloting, Thailand looked destined to remain enmeshed in a crisis that has shaken its political stability.

For more than two months, Thaksin's opponents have been holding growing demonstrations, drawing as many as 100,000 people in their attempt to pressure Thaksin into leaving office.

Thaksin called Sunday's snap election with the intention of disarming his critics with a fresh mandate from voters who last year awarded his Thai Rak Thai — Thai Love Thai — party 377 of the 500 seats in the House of Representatives.

The three parliamentary

opposition parties boycotted the election and called on voters to show their disapproval of Thaksin by ticking the box on their ballots signifying an abstention.

According to incomplete returns, Thaksin got his victory, but significant numbers of people cast votes of abstention.

With neither side scoring a knockout blow, the political divide may not be easily resolved.

Speaking yesterday night on a television talk show, Thaksin said initial results showed his party received 16 million votes, enough for a victory but down from 19 million votes for his party last year.

The Election Commission was expected to release complete election returns yesterday.

"We still insist that Thaksin step down and allow political reforms ..."

SOMSAK KOSASOOK,
SPOKESMAN

In Bangkok, the center of the campaign to force Thaksin from office, the number of abstentions outnumbered votes for his party in most districts.

The opposition call for abstentions also fared well in the south, historically a Democrat Party stronghold, while support for Thaksin was strong in the north and northeast, where rural voters appreciate his generous social welfare and economic assistance programs.

Anti-Thaksin activists prepared to pick up where they left off before the election, scheduling demonstrations Wednesday in the southern province of Songkhla and Friday in Bangkok.

Recognizing that the election would not end the demands for him to step down, Thaksin offered to set up a neutral "reconciliation" body comprising three former prime ministers, three former supreme court chiefs and three former heads of Parliament to judge whether he should resign.

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USG wants new committee

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open for everyone to play on. By offering memberships, lessons and a year-round facility to community members Wiseman hopes it will be an asset to a lot of people aside from the nine varsity women players.

"This is not just about BG athletics, it's for the community," Wiseman said. "We want to see tennis become a part of the BG community."

The plan is an addition to what the University already plans to do for the tennis program. The capitol improvement plan, the University's long term plan for

campus renovations, calls for eight new outdoor courts to be built at the end of July. But the capitol improvement plan, though it will not require a fee, will not include any indoor courts or additional facility for the community.

Sen. Tom Bethany does not think the addition to the tennis plan should be a priority.

"Residence halls and the Rec center need to be renovated before the tennis courts," he said. "And it may not be feasible right now."

USG has not decided whether or not to support the proposal just yet. But last night they did confirm their support of a different issue.

The body voted in favor of the formation of a university committee which would deal with veteran affairs, legislation that is also being discussed in Graduate Student Senate.

And time is running out for this year's USG to pass any more legislation since the elections for next year's body begin on Monday the 10th.



JAY WISEMAN
ASSISTANT
COACH

Funds will benefit the city

HOME IMPROVEMENT, FROM PAGE 1

This funding is especially helpful for smaller towns in the area, according to Zanfardino, who chairs the Community Improvement Committee. That committee brought the resolution before Council.

"It's the kind of funds that are particularly urgent to towns like Portage that don't have the budget like Bowling Green," he said.

According to Zanfardino, through the CDBG, the city also does an external survey of homes, looking for some that may be substandard. This may include external observations

"It's the kind of funds that are particularly urgent to towns like Portage that don't have the budget..."

JOHN ZANFARDINO, WARD 2
REPRESENTATIVE

like paint chipping or gutters in need of repair. This information from CDBG is then used as a resource for developing the CHIS survey.

"Without doing the survey, we couldn't get the CDBG funding,"

Zanfardino said.

Frost sees the funding project as a benefit to both residents and the city.

"I know that people take advantage of it," he said. "I think it's a good way for people to make upgrades to their home."

At the meeting last night, Council also made an amendment to the ordinance regarding duties of the city planning director.

Also approved was an ordinance that enters the city utilities director into an agreement with JFD Services, LLC and Strawberry Fields Investments, LLC for electric and sewer.



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KAYAKING AT THE REC



Colleen Redmond BG News

RECREATIONAL FUN: Dixon Marten participates in a kayak class at the rec with two instructors from the American Canoe Association. The Rec offers two kayaking classes a year.

Podcasting serves as study aid for students

Professors record lectures, guest speakers for iPods

By Douane D. James

SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL (KRT)

Broward Community College students soon may be able to get their education "on demand."

The school is experimenting with podcasting, a new digital technology that allows students to download lectures and other course material for listening on the go.

"Often a student will miss a class and ask, 'What did I miss?'" said speech professor Robert Buford, who is leading the effort at BCC. "Well, it's a one-hour class. You can't put that in an e-mail. But you can with a podcast."

BCC has ordered new equipment to meet the demand for audio and video recording and digital storage. Buford recently began conducting workshops to train interested faculty and estimates more will begin podcasting in the fall.

Palm Beach Community College has also started to use podcasts, but Florida Atlantic University, the University of Miami and Miami-Dade College are still exploring the idea.

Joseph Azalino, a Boca Raton pre-med student at PBCC, said he downloads biology lectures and either transfers the files to a compact disc or to his iPod, a portable digital media player.

"You can listen to it anytime you want," said Azalino, 21.

He said he likes to replay biology lectures before quizzes or tests.

"It's another way to refresh my mind," he said, adding he also studies class notes. "It's the ultimate review."

Administrators brush off the idea that putting course material online would make students more likely to miss class. Rather, podcasts can be a study aid by allowing students to review what they heard in class, said Celeste Beck, a PBCC provost and chief of the Boca Raton campus.

For many students, it helps to hear material more than once, she said.

Through podcasting, a microphone and Internet connection are all that's needed to create digital audio.

The files are typically converted to the universal MP3 format, which anyone can download to a computer or transfer to an iPod or any other portable MP3 player.

College students today expect to use new computer-based technology, Buford said, and "if we don't keep up with them, we become dinosaurs."

PBCC also will podcast college news and replay recordings of guest speakers and special events.

"This is really brand new, and we're floored at all the excitement," Beck said.

Jeannine Burgess, PBCC's director of instructional technology, said as many as one quarter of the faculty could

begin podcasting in some form in the next year.

BCC's director of instructional technology, Russ Adkins, called podcasting "a very interesting experiment."

Whether it grows in popularity depends on how fast technology develops, Adkins said.

It could really take off if it becomes commonplace to get podcasts via cell phones, he said.

"Everybody might not have an MP3 player, but they all have cell phones," he said.

BCC supports blending new technology into courses, Adkins said, but will allow faculty to choose for themselves whether they want to participate in podcasting.

get a life

calendar of events

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Teacher Job Fair
Perry Field House

10 a.m. - Noon

The Jump Off
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10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sexual Assault Awareness info table
Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Box City Ticket Sales
Sponsored by Habitat for Humanity
Union Lobby

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Public Health Recruitment MUO, along with Public and Allied Health Services., will be recruiting for Master level programs of the NW Ohio Consortium for Public Health and the Master of Science in Occupational Health.
Union Lobby

Noon - 3:30 p.m.

"The Show"
Talent show ticket sales sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha
Union Lobby

2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

White Rose Week
Sponsored by Kappa Delta
Union Lobby

3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Walt Disney World info table
Sponsored by the Walt Disney World College Program Alumni
Union Lobby

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Race Against AIDS info table
Sponsored by Kenya 5K Benefit

Run

Union Lobby

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Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet — a documentary film
206 Union Theater

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Sen. Tom Coburn (R), about the new bipartisan lobbying restrictions
(newswatch.com)

STAFF EDITORIAL

Students face DUIs, towing costs

With the continued debacle on overnight parking near bars, The BG News is coming back to an issue we have addressed oh-so-many times.

It's the issue of why the University should implement a late-night bus route that goes downtown.

According to an article on today's front page, the downtown law says no one can park their car on the street from 3 to 5 a.m.

This leaves students with few options. During the cold winter

YOU DECIDE

Do you think the University should add a late-night bus that runs downtown? Send an e-mail to thenews@bgnews.com and tell us what you think, or post feedback on our Web site.

months — most of the academic year — walking is a major turn-off, unless you want frostbite. Designated drivers, while a great idea, have some inherent prob-

lems as well, like unreliability.

A shuttle certainly wouldn't reduce the amount students are drinking, which is what some administrators at the University foolishly think they can curb by limiting the availability of safe transportation options. But a downtown route would make it easier for students to get home without injuring anyone in the process.

It would also help to alleviate problems between police and students by cutting down on the

number of student cars being towed when they're left on the streets overnight.

The University of Toledo has recently adopted such a shuttle route, which allows students to ride the bus all night for just \$1.

Their program is just in the experimental phase, but it's still better than the solution students have here.

Examples of late-night shuttle success can be found at both Kent State and Northern Illinois.

The student senate at Kent

State worked hard to make the idea of a "drunk bus" accepted by their administrators, and at NIU a small portion of student fees fund late-night routes on Friday and Saturday.

Back in late November the University's public safety director told Undergraduate Student Government that his department wouldn't be able to afford a downtown bus route, nor would they want to, for fear of "liability issues."

These reasons are completely

unacceptable.

Money can be found if BGSU leaders want to find it. Students can pay \$7 extra each semester to benefit from Student Legal Services. USG has batted around the idea of a \$10 charge for each student that would help fund shuttle services.

So regardless of what the city wants to do with their 3 to 5 a.m. towing rule, The BG News calls on student leaders to press the University to reconsider a downtown shuttle route.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Music choice qualifies as free speech

In a recent opinion article in The BG News entitled "Mature Your Musical Taste," author George Valko seemed to have forgotten this is America.

Here people are given a free voice to state their opinions, no matter how absurd. Valko got his opportunity and I applaud him for utilizing his First Amendment right as an American citizen.

But that's all the applauding I'll give. When I first took a look at the title of his work I thought maybe he has something here, but the more I examined the article I realized this opinion seemed to be a complete slam on anyone who didn't have similar beliefs to Valko.

He began his article with a blast on persons who chose to watch American Idol instead of the Winter Olympics.

Now granted I'm not a big American Idol enthusiast, but I understand people can choose to watch what they want.

By pointing his finger at these people saying "you're not mature" it demonstrates that he has forgotten they have the same First Amendment right to choose as him. It also demonstrates that he isn't mature enough to understand that choices are what makes life so great or shall I say grand.

His pointing of the finger didn't stop there. He had to attack people's musical prefer-

ence as well; saying persons who listen to artists such as 50 Cent, Ludacris, Kelly Clarkson or Linkin Park need to start growing up.

The type of music doesn't demonstrate the maturity level of a person; rather it's the person who determines that.

As an educated person I believe we all should be able to embrace the fact that music is art. But it doesn't mean we have to personally enjoy every type of music on the market.

It's wrong to assume people get their musical preference only because MTV boosts a certain artist or group. I don't get my musical preference from watching a TV network.

On his comment on the Billboard 100, if he really studied music he would know most album sales don't come from college students. We are a generation that is dominated by downloading music from the Internet. Rather it's our parents who purchase a lot of music because they have the monetary funds necessary to afford music albums.

If you seriously have a problem with what people choose to watch on their TV or listen to on their CD players, then you know what you can do — DON'T LISTEN.

We all have choices, but making people feel as if they're mentally immature based on those choices demonstrates the level of maturity that is possessed by those who attempt to oppress.

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Publicity is great, but don't forget specifics

I would like to thank the BG News for its coverage of the conversation partner program in the article "Hanging out is hard to do with no solid translation," printed in the Monday, April 3 edition.

The added promotion and support for this ongoing and popular cross-cultural activity is greatly appreciated. However, the article does not mention who sponsors the conversation partner program or who to contact about it.

The Cross Cultural Conversation Connection is run by the English as a Second Language Program and is offered each fall and spring semester for interested students, faculty and members of the community. The program pairs up international students and Americans to be conversation partners.

I would also like to make one correction to the article that Nicoletta Laura Cismas is the Graduate Assistant who has successfully coordinated the program the past two academic years, but is not the "graduate coordinator." Anybody interested in participating in the CCCC for fall 2006 may contact the ESL Program Office in 218 East Hall at 372-8205 or e-mail cccc@bgsu.edu. We look forward to the continued support of the Bowling Green community in this endeavor.

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Does the president's rating say anything about our government or our society?



ARMOND HARRIS
SOPHOMORE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE

"Just shows he has bad credibility."



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FACULTY, H2O

"Opinions are easily swayed. One day they agree with something, the next they agree with something else."



ASHLEY DOUGLAS
SOPHOMORE, PSYCHOLOGY

"People agreed with his ideas, but when carried out they weren't pleased with the consequences."



GREG KUNTZ
FRESHMAN, BUSINESS

"Our society doesn't like to deal with conflict, when we do, it's blamed on the president."

President's rating falls, shows failure



AMANDA BELCHER
Opinion Columnist

Please someone wake me from this nightmare. Is it true that almost 60 percent of us disapprove of the most powerful person in the country and arguably the world?

The person who is capable of so much has done so little right in the eyes of the American people. The person who has the power to change the world for the better has already caused so much death and destruction.

According to CBS News, only 34 percent of the nation approves of how President Bush is doing, and only 18 percent have a favorable view of Vice President Dick Cheney.

Between the war, social security, unemployment, hurricane Katrina and many other unflattering issues, Bush has built himself quite a reputation. To think, the man the American people supposedly thought was "the best man for the job" turned out to be worse than all of those before him. Except for his dad and Richard Nixon, who resigned facing impeachment.

So what's this telling us? Perhaps it's that the Electoral College is a sham and isn't electing who we want to represent us. Well, that may be true considering he lost in 2000 and still managed to win the presidency.

Maybe it's telling us a two-party system doesn't work and no matter what, whoever takes on the responsibility of president has 50 percent of the nation against them. I don't believe that.

It could be telling us campaigns aren't working and they cause candidates to make promises they never plan on keeping, shielding us from a truly informed choice.

I've got it! It's that democracy as a whole isn't working and instead of electing someone who will represent us, we are electing a dictator who will do as they please.

Calm down, I'm not a communist.

What I would like to know is, how can a person who promotes democracy around the world as the only means to a productive and prosperous country, operate outside democracy himself?

"You know, I know people make a big deal out of these things. If I worried about polls I would be... I wouldn't be doing my job. And I fully understand that when you

do hard things it creates consternation at times, and you know, I've been up in the polls and I've been down in the polls and, you know, it's just part of life," stated by George Bush as taken from ABC Online.

Pollsters such as Gallup are obvious representations of the people. They are unbiased, bipartisan entities that poll everything and everyone. This shows they're a true representation of the people.

Polls should be the most useful tool for a president and any other elected official. Polls shouldn't be used to simply as a means to get reelected.

A president who ignores polls and says if he were to pay them attention, he "wouldn't be doing [his] job" is calculating. It opens the door to crass decisions motivated by personal bias and agenda.

Thirty-two percent of the people approve of how Bush has responded to hurricane Katrina. Thirty percent approve of how he's handling the war on Iraq, yet nothing has changed and it's still going on.

Forty-three percent approve of how he's handling "the war on terror." Isn't that supposed to be his strong point? Isn't that supposed to be why we're in Iraq? Wasn't he the one that even made that saying up?

Why have we elected a man that even campaigned on the fact that he makes decisions quickly and follows through without delay? It's understandable that we need a leader who will make decisions, but we should be embracing a leader who makes the decisions for us, not for themselves. A leader who doesn't ignore our concerns and pays attention to the majority view not the minority agenda.

Bush is failing. He's taken his role as a free-for-all. He's successfully completed his agenda, ignoring the American people. He's ignored our cries to end the war on Iraq after it began on still unclear reasoning. He has racked up an astonishing deficit of more than \$8 trillion. According to NPR Bush has put us into the highest debt percentage since 1955 when we were paying off war bonds. He hasn't even responded adequately in times of crisis. A congressional report on hurricane Katrina found that the response to it a "failure of leadership."

You hired him, now why not fire him?

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Tensions rise, former governor awaits results

Changes to jury may affect racketeering verdict, experts say

By Alan Edrinn
U-WIRE

DEKALB, Ill. — As the George Ryan racketeering case verdict nears, tension is mounting for the jury to reach a decision.

Former Illinois Governor Ryan is accused of steering state contracts and leases to friends, including co-defendant Larry Warner, in exchange for such things as gifts and use of a vacation home. Ryan's defense claims the gifts did not affect the contract decisions and claims there was no fraud.

According to Northern Illinois University political science Professor Brendon Swedlow, racketeering laws are broad, designed to get people who don't have direct criminality and that the claims are usually a last resort.

If the contracts were given to Larry Warner and others based on the gifts, Ryan would be charged with racketeering.

"Giving [contracts] to a buddy rather than the best person is what makes it illegal," said William Schroeder, a Southern Illinois University law professor.

The recent jury change helped Ryan's defense, experts say.

Two jurors were replaced by alternates this week, and the jury have restarted deliberations anew, which previously had lasted over a week.

"The jury issue creates possibility of a mistrial," Swedlow said. "The defense only needs to convince one juror Ryan is innocent."

According to Swedlow, in Ryan's and most racketeering cases, the defense only needs to prove "reasonable doubt," which is a methodology for interpreting the facts with the law — reasonable doubt asks the jurors, "Based on critical analysis, do the facts match up to a conviction?"

It does not describe absolute

certainty.

"The defense will try and create reasonable doubt of the crimes he's being accused of," Swedlow said.

Schroeder said there is a good chance he will get convicted.

"I hope he's convicted. I'd say I have a 70 percent guess he will be," he said. "The jurors have been out for a while — I hope it's not because of another juror problem," he said.

Robert Pritchard (R-Hinkley, Ill.) has not formed a general opinion of the case, but says he is sure "the courts are handling it fine."

Pritchard did note that he is disappointed with the ethics laws in Illinois.

"It is 'pay to play' in this state, which is ethically wrong," Pritchard said.

Pay-to-play refers to system where the government will only award contracts to those companies or individuals that have made contribution campaigns.

"Giving [contracts] to a buddy ... person is what makes it illegal."

BRANDON SWEDLOW
PROFESSOR

Students fail to use proper grammar, spelling in e-mails

Despite convenience, e-mail can leave a negative impression

By Rachel Gorr
U-WIRE

DEKALB, Ill. — With seemingly the whole world centered on the Internet, it is no surprise e-mail has fast become a popular form of communication. However, some students fail to realize how they come off in an e-mail and that it can have a negative or positive affect on how they are perceived by professors and can even affect grades.

"Many students have no idea how their e-mails read," said Marvin Hill, Northern Illinois University professor of business administration. "Do they ever use spell check? Do they use nouns and verbs in a consistent manner? Alas, God did not create everyone equal. One week of reading student e-mails will demonstrate this to all concerned."

While e-mail does allow students to contact teachers outside of class, some fail to use

proper English, punctuation or tone. The failure to do so may lower the professor's opinion of the student and can even be found offensive by professors.

"My biggest gripe about student e-mails is the lack of attention paid to basic grammar and spelling," said Kay Forest, associate professor and chair of the sociology department. "Sloppy e-mails read like sloppy papers or poor exams. This is especially defeating when the student is requesting leniency in grading or some other reconsideration of his or her course performance or a job recommendation."

Students should pay attention to the appropriateness of the questions. Questions too in-depth should have been asked in class, or were answered in class and have no place in professor e-mails, said Forest. Requesting lecture notes or asking about the importance of a missed lecture also are complaints of professors.

While Hill does not have specific guidelines for his students to follow when e-mailing him, he has received many inappropriate e-mails.

"For example, 'I missed class today. Did you cover anything important?'" Hill said. "This is a mass lecture where we never, never take roll. The response: 'No, we didn't cover anything important, just went in and talked about unimportant material that we intend to include on the exam.'"

No matter how perfect the grammar, how eloquent the salutation or how professional the signature, not all questions are best suited for e-mail. This is why, in this information age, professors still hold office hours and allow questions in class.

"Anything that takes me longer than five minutes to answer, however, triggers a request for a face-to-face meeting," Forest said. "I often find that a brief meeting after class can resolve most issues that exceed e-mail treatment, particularly when I need to ask follow-up questions. Generally I reserve office appointments for conversations about a student's grade in the course or other confidential information."

Students spend spring break cleaning up the aftermath of Katrina

Volunteers help give families a fresh start, have fun camping out

By Michelle Gilbert
U-WIRE

DEKALB, Ill. — Nine members of Northern Illinois University-area Immanuel Lutheran Church spent Spring Break cleaning up homes affected by Hurricane Katrina.

A week was spent removing stale, flood-damaged belongings, electronics and appliances, ripping out sopping wet carpet, tearing down drywall and removing ceiling fans and lights.

"[Homes were gutted] so the

family could have a fresh start, and to prepare for the next people to come in and work on the house, put up new plumbing, electrical, new everything," said Stephen Lamb, a senior industrial engineering major and group member on the trip.

Setting up camp

The military-style, tent-city kind of camp named Camp Premier in St. Bernard Parish, La., had its own culture among the 1,300 volunteers temporarily residing in its borders during the week of March 13.

Camp Premier met our basic needs. The food was amazing, the showers were nice and the camp

even provided volunteers with laundry service.

"I love this camp," said Richard Reinhardt, a junior community and regional planning major at Iowa State University. "The food is awesome, air-conditioned tents and having a laundry service is nice."

Volunteers found themselves sometimes waiting in long lines for the shower after days of gutting homes and sleeping on cots.

They fed on and learned from other groups originating from places such as Howard University, Duke University and other schools throughout the country. Volunteer groups also originated in Montana and Iowa.

Preparing for work

Orientation sessions were required of volunteers before starting to work on homes. The sessions went over processes of how to gut a house, safety requirements and what to be prepared for, such as high temperatures, smells, rats, snakes, spiders and nutria (a 30-pound, rat-like water-loving animal brought in to Louisiana for breeding).

Our group found things such as photo albums, trophies, certificates and other personal belongings. All these now-wet belongings were put into wheelbarrows and carried out of the house.

"You felt like you got to know

them," said Justin Dooley, a group member and senior accounting major. "You felt empathy for them and you understand they're not very different from you."

A unique experience

Even now, six months after Katrina hit the shores of Louisiana, many areas are still in great need of help.

"I see everybody trying to cope, trying to wake up in the morning and deal with emotions and struggling to go on with life," said Steven Gallodoro, a St. Bernard Parish fire inspector.

Gallodoro also commented on the lack of decision-making by local, state and federal lev-

els of government concerning the Katrina Hurricane disaster. Families are in the situation where they have a limited amount of money and no flood insurance.

Homes have to be gutted whether or not the family decides to come back. Gallodoro said. Should the family next door come back, it gives that family a chance to start over in a clean environment.

Through hard work and relaxation, the group grew as a team and made for a really good week.

"Really tired, going back to the cot. I hope we get food, tater tot," rapped Jenna Wright, a junior journalism major.

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Low voter turnout in Thai election

PRIME MINISTER, FROM PAGE 2

"I want to set up an independent committee to bring together all those with different opinions to find a way forward. If that committee tells me to quit, then I will quit," he said.

Thaksin's foes dismissed his offer.

"He changes every day, from national government to reconciliation committee. We can't pay attention to someone who has no credibility," scoffed Democrat spokesman Ong-art.

Thaksin also offered before the voting to include his leading critics in a postelection national unity government, an offer they rejected.

A spokesman for the People's Alliance for Democracy, which has been leading the street protests, said the Thai leader "has little credibility because he has twisted his words several times."

"We still insist that Thaksin step down and allow political reforms to take place," Somsak Kosaisook said.

Running unopposed in many



Wong Maye-E AP Photo

PEACE MARCH: Peace activists and others perform a meditative walk under a heavy down pour to the Democracy Monument.

constituencies and with token opposition in others, Thaksin's party was virtually certain to have no opposition in Parliament.

But minimum turnout requirements meant that no winners could be declared in at least 39 constituencies, forcing new rounds of local voting. Many legal experts believe that unless all 500 House seats are filled, Parliament cannot be con-

vened, blocking formation of a new government.

Many of Thaksin's opponents hope that in such a case, the 78-year-old monarch, King Bhumibol Adulyadej, would intervene to replace Thaksin.

Financial market analysts, worried that extended political instability could hurt Thailand's economy, expressed concern about the ongoing tensions.

BGSU alum will be missed

FUNERAL, FROM PAGE 1

as an AmeriCorps volunteer, based on campus at the University.

She worked closely with Ed Newman, from the Wood County Core Program.

"She really enjoyed working with children, very positive upbeat person, she just always was in a good mood, always smiling," Newman said.

Jane Rosser also worked with Crittendon, whom she called a "great young person doing great things in the community."

According to her friend Abibo Ngandu, Crittendon's brother has just returned from serving in the military in Iraq, and they were to reunite in two weeks.

Ngandu has known her for five years, after meeting Crittendon when she first came to the University. They worked together at a factory, Molten on North Enterprise. They remained friends for years, even dating for a while, he said.

"She was the kind of person that would think of others before she would think of herself, every-

thing she would do was out of the goodness of her heart," Ngandu said. "Great mother, great friend. I almost feel I know what an angel looks like."

Editor's note: Crittendon's former co-workers at AmeriCorps are planning to set up a fund to collect donations for her son, Javien. For more information, call Ed Newman in his office on campus, 419-372-9625.

Services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday in Cleveland, at Fifth Christian Church, 14109 Benwood Ave.

China open to Dalai Lama visit

By Elaine Kurtz

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING — China suggested Monday that it was open to a visit from the Dalai Lama and to establishing ties with the Vatican.

The Dalai Lama, exiled spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhists,

announced last month that he hoped to travel to China on a pilgrimage. He said envoys had conveyed his message to officials in Beijing.

He has repeatedly said he wants autonomy, not independence, for his Himalayan homeland. But Beijing has expressed suspicion.

"As long as the Dalai Lama makes clear that he has completely abandoned Tibetan 'independence,' it is not impossible for us to consider his visit," said Ye Xiaowen, head of the State Administration for Religious Affairs, quoted by the

China Daily.

But Ye said the Dalai Lama "has failed to deliver a clear message on his stance."

The Dalai Lama fled Tibet in 1959, after communist forces occupied the region. He hasn't been back since.

Ye was also quoted by the government newspaper as saying China and the Vatican are in contact about normalizing relations but haven't worked out a timetable.

The Vatican has said it is ready to move its embassy from rival Taiwan.

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GAHANNA (AP) — A dog out for a walk broke away from its owners Sunday and discovered human remains buried at the edge of a creek. Authorities excavated the skeletal remains yesterday from an area that is frequently flooded. Police said the remains are from a woman who was about 5 feet 7 inches tall.

Dental vs. ornamental: grills getting a bad rap

Dentists say grills can cause gum disease and allergic reactions

CLEVELAND (AP) — The hip-hop culture is sinking its teeth into a new fashion trend.

Individual gold-capped teeth have given way to grills and fronts — removable mouthpieces made of gold, platinum or silver and sometimes studded with jewels.

The trend has been boosted by hip-hop icons such as Nelly and rappers like Paul Wall.

After Nelly's 2005 hit "Grillz," which glorifies the trend, young people all over scrambled to wrap their chops around a shiny grill.

Jacob Owens, a 17-year-old South High School student, snagged a diamond-studded silver grill a couple of months ago for \$200.

"Everybody is getting grills," Owens said while hanging out at the food court at Tower City. He chose silver to set himself apart.

Owens sheds his grill to eat and at bedtime, but wears it for hours at a time to match his earrings.

The mouthpieces are made from dental imprints and many are purchased online. But they are sold at local outlets too, like Wired Up at Tower City.

Jeremy McGrew, manager at the Wired Up kiosk, said business has been booming since the release of "Grillz."

Generally, tooth imprints are made and sent to a jeweler who fashions the fronts and returns them to the client or retailer where the items were purchased.

The flashy mouth jewelry has caught the attention and concern of the American Dental Association.

Matthew Messina, a Fairview



Lonnie Timmons III AP Photo

LET ME SEE YOUR GRILL: John Burks bears his teeth showing individual gold-capped teeth Wednesday, March 22 in Cleveland. The hip-hop culture is sinking its teeth into a new fashion trend known as grills.

Park dentist and ADA spokesman, said improper use and care of fronts can result in serious gum disease or cavities.

Messina has no problem with the aesthetic aspect of a grill, but he warns of problems down the road if they are not kept clean or if they are bonded to natural teeth.

Snap-on grills do not fit particularly well in and around the teeth, he said, allowing food and bacteria to get trapped underneath, which can cause cavities or other problems like gum disease or gum recession.

Other dangers include allergic reactions to cheap metals and adverse reactions to jewelry cleaners, which can burn gums, Messina said.

"The really wealthy who have them made of high-quality precious metals, you will have less allergic reaction," Messina said. "Someone going more of a cut-

rate route, where they are using lesser metals, we see a lot more metal-allergic reaction to more base metals."

Messina said some vendors may be unaware that in some states — Ohio included — taking an impression of someone's mouth is considered dentistry, which requires a license.

Nuns use natural ways to grow food

TIFFIN, Ohio (AP) — The Seeds of Hope All Natural Farm is far from a typical farm.

Nuns operate it along with volunteers who get organic food at reduced prices. They don't use pesticides or fertilizers to help the vegetables, herbs and flowers.

"Our bottom line is the health of the soil," said Sister Rita Wienken, the farm's director. "We don't grow the food. Mother Nature grows the food. We just help her along."

The farm, which is part of the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center, an environmental outreach program created in 1994, has helped build relationships between the nuns and members of the community.

"Our common interest was we liked working outdoors and having quality produce," he said Joe Moore, a retired high school teacher. "Their foray into community-supported agriculture has been very successful from the viewpoint of the families involved."

The Sisters of St. Francis have been gardening their property for nearly 25 years. They ate most of what they grew and donated the rest to the groups that help the needy.

Last year was the first time they sold produce to the public at a stand outside their center. It became so popular that a steady line of traffic formed at the convent.

Carmella's Ristorante in Camden Falls started buying the nuns' produce two years ago. Executive chef Jeff Sites said their vegetables are bigger, fresher and tastier than produce he finds elsewhere. "They do a wonderful job," he said.

The farm is just one way the nuns spread the earthy values of the founder of their Franciscan Order, St. Francis of Assisi, who was one of the first Roman Catholic saints credited with having a strong love of nature and preaching stewardship of the Earth.

Suspect in turnpike shooting goes to court

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (AP) — A Pennsylvania man pleaded not guilty yesterday to federal charges that he stalked a millionaire doctor and then shot and killed him on the Ohio Turnpike last year.

Damian Bradford, 24, of Monaca, Pa., near Pittsburgh, was arraigned in U.S. District Court on a two-count indictment in the death of Gulam Moonda, 69. He could face life in prison if convicted.

The suspect allegedly was romantically involved with the victim's wife, Donna Moonda, 46, who has not been charged.

Bradford was held by U.S. marshals after his arraignment to await a bond hearing April 20 in Youngstown before Magistrate Judge George J. Limbert.

The victim was shot and killed when he pulled off the side of the turnpike south of Cleveland to change drivers.

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Tornado tears through Tennessee

NEWBERN, Tenn. (AP) — Miles of thunderstorms raged across rural western Tennessee Sunday, spinning off tornadoes, spewing hail, razing houses and killing at least 27 people.

The worst of the storms ran along a 25-mile path between the small town of Newbern, northeast of Memphis and Bradford. Most of the damage was caused by strong winds that ripped apart roofs, leveled buildings and caused solid brick homes to crumble.

"Most of the houses, you can't count. They're just gone," said Roy Childress, who was part of a church relief crew that was delivering food and water to survivors yesterday.

State Police dispatched teams with search dogs to the area to search for any survivors that might be trapped in the rubble of collapsed buildings.

Al-Qaida conspirator eligible for execution

By Matthew Barakat
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A federal jury found al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui eligible yesterday to be executed, deciding that his lies to FBI agents led directly to at least one death in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"You'll never get my blood, God curse you all," Moussaoui said afterward. He had sat in his chair and prayed silently as the verdict was read.

The only person to face charges in this country in the nation's worst terrorist assault, Moussaoui now faces a second phase of his sentencing trial to determine if he actually will be put to death. That phase is to begin Thursday morning.

The nine men and three women of the jury will hear testimony on whether the 37-year-old Frenchman, who was in jail at the time of the attack, deserves to be executed for his role.

The testimony will include families of 9/11 victims who will describe the human impact of

the al-Qaida mission that flew four jetliners into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field.

Court-appointed defense lawyers, whom Moussaoui has tried to reject, will summon experts to suggest he is schizophrenic after an impoverished childhood during which he faced racism in France over his Moroccan ancestry.

"By this verdict, the jury has found that death is a possible sentence in this case," court spokesman Ed Adams said.

On the key question before the jurors, they answered yes on whether at least one victim died Sept. 11 as a direct result of Moussaoui's actions.

Had the jury voted against his eligibility for the death penalty, Moussaoui would have been sentenced to life in prison.

Rosemary Dillard, whose husband Eddie died in the attacks, said she felt a sense of vindication from the verdict.

"This man has no soul, has no conscience," she said of Moussaoui. "What else could we



THE CASE CONTINUES: This artist's rendering shows Zacarias Moussaoui, flanked by security guards, Kenneth Triccoli, second from right, and Edward MacMahon, right, listening to testimony from Condoleezza Rice.

ask for but this?"

Abraham Scott, who lost his wife Janice Marie on 9/11, said: "I describe him like a dog with rabies, one that cannot be cured. The only cure is to put him or her to death."

But Scott said he blamed the

government equally "for not acting on certain indicators that could have prevented 9/11 happening."

The jury began weighing Moussaoui's fate last Wednesday. During its deliberations, jurors asked only one question, seeking a definition of "weapon of mass

destruction." One of the three convictions for which Moussaoui could be executed is conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction.

The jurors were told that a plane used as a missile — the tactic employed on Sept. 11 — qualifies

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Military plane crashes, 17 walk away from site

By Randall Chase
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DOVER, Del. — A huge military cargo plane faltered after take-off and belly-landed short of the Dover Air Force Base runway yesterday, breaking apart and drenching some of the 17 people aboard with fuel but causing no fire or life-threatening injuries.

"It is a miracle. Absolutely a miracle," said Lt. Col. Mark Ruse, commander of the base's 436th Air Wing Civil Engineering Squadron. "If you look at the condition of that plane and 17 people are still alive right now — it is absolutely amazing."

Military officials said the C-5 Galaxy, the military's largest plane at more than six stories high and 247 feet long, developed some kind of problem soon after taking off for Spain about 6:30 a.m. and attempted to return to the base.

It crashed in an open, grassy area about a half-mile short of the runway, breaking in two behind the cockpit. The tail assembly landed several hundred yards away and an engine was thrown forward by the impact.

"It looks like it kind of slid along the ground almost like a water landing of sorts," Ruse said.

Details of the problem were not immediately released. But there was no fire or explosion, and pilots familiar with the C-5 say its sheer size — roughly that of a football field — likely contributed to the fact that there were no deaths.

"It's like being in a four-story building," said retired Col. Randall Larsen, a former C-5 pilot who described the plane as one of the safest in Air Force history.

The crew did "a miraculous job" handling the situation, said Hans Reigle, a former C-5 flight instructor at Dover.

The fact that the fuel is stored in the wings, which unlike many

other planes are mounted atop the fuselage, may explain the absence of fire, added Larsen, director of the Institute for Homeland Security, a think tank in Arlington, Va.

Some of the crew members were able to walk away and none suffered life-threatening injuries, hospital and military officials said.

Fourteen were taken to Kent General Hospital in Dover, and three were admitted. Some were covered with flammable jet fuel and had to be decontaminated in the hospital parking lot before they could be taken inside.

Three others were taken by helicopter to Christiana Hospital in Newark.

Larsen said that if the crew was able to maintain some control of the aircraft, it was not surprising that they survived.

"Just make sure the wings are level and you are in a landing attitude," he said. "The C-5 is so unique. When you're sitting in the pilot seat, I think your rear end is about 43 feet above the ground."

The plane belonged to the 436th Airlift Wing, but was being flown by a reserve crew from the 512th Airlift Wing, a reserve unit. Capt. John Sheets of the Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, said there was one active-duty airman, a flying crew chief, from the 436th on board as part of the "blended crew."

Sheets said two Air Force panels will investigate the crash. A safety board will try to determine whether any issues need to be addressed immediately to prevent additional crashes. An accident investigation board will conduct an in-depth investigation that could take two to three months.

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New costs pop up at airport

Airlines charging for pillows, meals to balance cheap flights

By Leslie Miller
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Ask for a pillow and blanket to help get through a long flight and you may be out of luck. Or you may be able to buy a "comfort package" from Air Canada for \$2.

Like to check your luggage curbside? That could cost up to \$3 a bag.

Airlines are starting to charge for many services that once were free — such as assigned seating, paper tickets and blankets.

Air travelers who don't fly often may be in for some unpleasant surprises when they reach the airport this summer.

"They're going to be confused and they're going to be

somewhat upset," said Kevin Mitchell, president of the Business Travelers Coalition. "Is it going to stop them from flying? No."

Intense competition from low-fare airlines along with high jet-fuel prices have led many established carriers to cut back or charge passengers for amenities.

Many airlines no longer serve meals on flights, instead charging for snack boxes and sandwiches.

Sharon Ansara, a government supervisor from El Paso, Texas, flew an American Airlines flight from Dallas to Washington yesterday morning.

"We didn't even get peanuts," she said after the 2-1/2 hour flight. "They offered us a snack pack for \$4. It stinks."

American spokesman Tim Wagner said that passengers have made it clear that their

first priority in buying an airline ticket is price. The company offers a la carte services — such as snack packs — for those willing to pay for them.

Air Canada, which recently emerged from bankruptcy, decided against eliminating pillows and blankets, as some airlines have done. Instead, the airline decided to give passengers the choice of buying an inflatable pillow and a light fleece blanket for \$2, according to spokeswoman Isabelle Arthur.

There are limits to what passengers will pay for.

American Eagle, which flies commuter flights for American, experimented in January with charging passengers for soft drinks.

"They evaluated customer response," Wagner said. "The customer response was, 'No, we don't want to pay \$1 for a soft drink.'"

Elmo battles development experts

Groups reject Sesame Workshop's videos for very young children

By David Crary
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The creators of "Sesame Street" are releasing a new line of videos today targeted for children as young as six months, outraging some child-development experts who feel no form of TV or video is suitable for kids under 2.

The DVDs — part of a series called "Sesame Beginnings" — are intended to be watched by parents along with their small children. Sesame Workshop developed the shows with help of experts from Zero to Three, a well-regarded nonprofit advocacy group.

Despite that prestigious partnership, the project has drawn fire from other experts who note that the American Academy of Pediatrics advises against TV viewing for children under



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BABY TV: This photo shows the stars of a new series, "Sesame Beginnings." Baby Elmo, his dad Louie, Baby Bird, and his auntie Nani Bird.

2. They fear the Sesame brand and Zero to Three's endorsement will convince many parents their infants would benefit from watching videos.

"There is no evidence that screen media is beneficial for babies and growing evidence it may be harmful," said the Boston-based Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood. "Sesame Beginnings"

will encourage babies' devotion to TV characters that have been licensed to promote hundreds of other products."

There already is a huge market for videos aimed at infants: "Teletubbies" has been on the air for nearly a decade, sometimes drawing similar criticism, and The Walt Disney Co.'s Baby Einstein products are very lucrative.

Fate of terrorist to be decided

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as a weapon of mass destruction.

Moussaoui pleaded guilty last April to conspiring with al-Qaida to hijack aircraft and other crimes. At the time, he denied being part of the 9/11 plot, say-

ing he was being trained for a separate attack, but he changed his story when he took the stand and claimed he was to have flown a hijacked airliner into the White House that day.

Moussaoui was in jail at the time of the attacks, but prosecu-

tors argue federal agents would have been able to thwart or at least minimize the attacks if he had revealed his al-Qaida membership and his terrorist plans when he was arrested and interrogated by federal agents.

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By Anne Gearan
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A reading of some of the documents released yesterday showed no such stark admissions, although any records of interrogations and the classified portions of the hearings were not included in the transcripts. The hearings — called Administrative Review Boards — were held to determine whether detainees still posed threats to the United States.

Human rights group Amnesty International, a frequent critic of U.S. policies in its war on terror,

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Britain, U.S. visit Bagdad in attempt to build Iraqi unity

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reprisal killings among Shiites and Sunnis.

The unified government, she said, can "produce conditions under which people are secure and these militia groups can be disbanded."

Her remark acknowledged that the militias exist in part because they provide protection that many Iraqis do not yet trust their police or Army to supply.

"You can't have, in a democracy, various groups that have arms," Rice said. "You have to have the state with a monopoly on power."

A day earlier, Rice had spoken of a "sense of drift" nearly four months after Iraqis held parliamentary elections. Political horse trading to pick a prime minister and permanent government have bogged down, with an impasse over whether the interim prime minister will keep his job.

Neither Rice nor Straw pointed to any specific accomplishment from the trip, but said their message got through. The double billing of leaders from the two nations that have spent the most in lives and money on Iraq was a signal that international patience has run out.

"We are entitled to say that whilst it is up to you, the Iraqis, to say who will fill these positions, someone must fill these positions and fill them quickly," Straw said.

They were careful not to pronounce on the fate of interim Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, but they voiced no enthusiasm for the Shiite nominee for a second term.

"Our purpose is not to say who needs to do what," Rice

said in response to a question about whether al-Jaafari should step aside. "We say to every leader, 'Look within yourself and do whatever you have to do to make this process move forward.'"

Straw and Rice slipped into Iraq on Sunday morning, after spending two days touring Straw's parliamentary district in England's industrial north. Rice spent her entire visit inside the fortified American Embassy complex in the Green Zone.

From Baghdad, the two flew to London, where Rice was to see Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Rice had met anti-war protesters nearly everywhere she went as Straw's guest in Liverpool and Straw's home district of Blackburn. About 20 percent of the town is Muslim, and opposition to the war is widespread.

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JACK STRAW, BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY

Ex-president pleads not guilty

By Michelle Faul
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — Former Liberian President Charles Taylor pleaded not guilty yesterday before an international war crimes tribunal, denying 11 counts of helping destabilize West Africa through killings, sexual slavery and sending children into combat.

Taylor at first told the court he could not enter a plea because he did not recognize its right to try him.

After Justice Richard Lussick insisted, Taylor said calmly and slowly: "Most definitely, your honor, I did not and could not have committed those acts against the sister republic of Sierra Leone."

Lussick accepted that as a not guilty plea and instructed aides to set a start date for the trial.

However, Lussick did not say

where the next hearing might be held.

As the hour-long hearing ended, Taylor stood, smiled and blew kisses to relatives who were in the courtroom.

Although Taylor made his first court appearance in Sierra Leone, Special Court officials have requested that an international court in The Hague, Netherlands, host the trial. Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has expressed fear that Taylor supporters could use the trial as an excuse to mount another insurgency in her country.

Taylor said through his lawyer that he feared for his safety in Sierra Leone but wanted to be tried in the region, in part because it would be easier for defense witnesses to appear here. The court's chief prosecutor has said Taylor has no reason



CHARLES TAYLOR
DEFENDANT

WORLD BRIEFING

Accident kills 9

more troops in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — Nine more American troops died in Iraq, the U.S. military reported yesterday. Their deaths brought the number of service members killed so far this month to 13 — nearly half the number who died in all of March. All the dead were Marines, the statement added. It gave no reason for the accident except that it was not a result of hostile fire.

to fear for his safety.

Desmond de Silva, chief prosecutor of the independent, U.N.-backed war crimes court trying Taylor, has dismissed such concerns.

Taylor is the first former African president to face war crimes charges. He was brought to Sierra Leone last week after briefly escaping custody in Nigeria, where he was staying since 2003 under a deal to end Liberia's civil war.

Documents bring cases to light

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said the transcripts would most likely reveal information that was insignificant or had been previously released.

"Nevertheless, Amnesty International welcomes today's actions, as even the seemingly minor details in these documents may help shed light on the secrecy surrounding the detainees' cases," said Eric Olson, the group's acting director of government relations.

Each of the detainees who faced such a review hearing was previously determined by other Guantanamo Bay panels — Combatant Status Review Tribunals — to be an "enemy combatant," meaning they fought against the U.S. or its allies or provided support to the Taliban, al-Qaida or "associated forces."

Shah said he felt his testimony at the earlier tribunal had been ignored.

"Should I consider [you all] the same or should I expect justice?" he asked.

The presiding U.S. military officer assured Shah all the evidence would be considered fairly.

"Well, I hope that you would believe that we would do you justice after we review all the information," said the officer, whose name was censored from the transcript for security reasons.

Some detainees said they had



Andres Leighton AP Photo

HELD WITHOUT CHARGE: Two detainees walk outside their cell in Camp Delta 4 at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba.

hazy memories as they gave curt replies to the U.S. military officers presiding over the tribunal. One unidentified Yemeni said he did not recall when he was captured in Pakistan, saying it was more than four years ago.

"Was it cold?" asked the presiding officer, trying to determine if not the date, then the season.

"The weather was medium. It was not hot but it was not cold," responded the detainee.

Many detainees repeat-

edly denied having links to Osama bin Laden, al-Qaida or the Taliban, insisting they were simply caught up in the war zone. Some were accused of being low-level members of the Taliban, who imposed strict Islamic rule from 1996 to 2001.

"I don't know bin Laden and I don't know anyone else," said an Afghan detainee named Gano Nasorullah Hussain. "I am a butcher and I have a shop in my village."

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IRAN TESTS NEW, MORE POWERFUL TORPEDO

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran successfully tested its second new torpedo in as many days yesterday, the weapon to be unveiled during war games in the Gulf that the military said are aimed at preparing the country's defenses against the United States. A spokesman suggested the torpedo was more powerful than others in its arsenal.

WORLD

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Rice expects Iraq to stabilize quickly

Condoleezza and British counterpart optimistic after meeting Iraqis

By Anne Corbin

WASHINGTON — U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and British Foreign Secretary Margaret Thatcher met yesterday to discuss the situation in Iraq and the progress of the war. Rice said she and Thatcher agreed that the war was going well and that the Iraqi people were beginning to see the benefits of the coalition's efforts.

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Two-thirds of Americans say they do not approve of President Bush's handling of the war, and a large percentage say it has not been worth the sacrifice. More than 2,000 Americans have died in Iraq since the toppling of Saddam Hussein in 2003, and the war has cost billions more than anticipated.

A car bomb exploded near a Shiite mosque in northeastern Baghdad yesterday, killing at least 10 people. Four American troops were killed by roadside bombs in the volatile Anbar province.

and at least five U.S. Marines died when a military truck rolled over in a flash flood in the same province. Three others were missing.

Sectarian violence has escalated since a Feb. 22 bombing of a Shiite shrine in Samarra.

Rice said she and Straw repeated a strong message that the new government has to curb the power of sectarian militias, which are blamed for much of the current wave of

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Documents disclose secretly held prisoners

By Andrew Selsky

GUANTANAMO, WYO. (AP) — In 27 pages of declassified documents released yesterday, the Associated Press learned of a plan to help Afghan and Pakistani fighters fight against the Taliban regime while U.S. military officers were painstakingly tried and held in their stories.

The previously classified documents were the second batch of Guantanamo Bay detainee hearings released by the Pentagon in response to a lawsuit by the ACLU. They identified more of the prisoners who have been secretly held without charges for up to four years while the U.S. military determines how dangerous they may be.

Most of the men said they were innocent and would pose no threat to the U.S.

The 11th State, a Pakistani accused of being a driver for the Taliban, said he had no American captives at first, but his feelings softened after he learned about the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"In the beginning, I did not like Americans at all," Shah said. "I had never seen Americans. In the beginning, when I came here, the interrogations were rough and I started hating them more and more."

Shah showed the pictures from 9/11. They had been in a box in his room in the army. "We were fearful

Americans was gone."

Some 715 prisoners have passed through the cells of the U.S. military base since it began receiving men captured in the U.S. war in terror more than four years ago. Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said 100 of them are now held at the base, which hugs the arid southwestern shores of Cuba.

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Ex-president pleads not guilty

By Michelle Faul

FRIDAY, Sierra Leone — Former Liberian President Charles Taylor pleaded not guilty yesterday before an international war crimes tribunal, denying 11 counts of helping destabilize West Africa through killings, sexual slavery and sending a children army.

Taylor at first said he could not recall the events, but later said he did not recognize the charges.

After his arrest in 2003, Taylor was held in a prison in Sierra Leone.

Taylor's defense team said he was a victim of the war in Liberia.

where the war-torn country is held.

As the tribunal's hearing ended, Taylor said he would appeal the charges.

Although Taylor said he did not recognize the charges, he did not deny the charges.

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CHARLES TAYLOR
DEFENDANT

BRIEFING

Accident kills 9 more troops in Iraq

BAIDHA, Iraq — Nine more American troops died in this week's U.S. military operations in Iraq, bringing the number of U.S. troops killed to 100.

The deaths occurred in a series of attacks on U.S. troops in the northern part of Iraq.

The U.S. military said it was looking for the person or persons responsible for the attacks.

Documents bring cases to light

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with the documents, which were likely to be used in court.

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BATTERY CHARGED: Liz Vrabel (13) and catcher Abby Habicht have a discussion at the mound earlier this season. The softball team has had a great season so far with 17 runs over the weekend at Kent State and a 21-10 overall record.

Falcons off to best start ever

Weekend sweep of Kent State puts BGSU at 21-10, 4-0 in MAC

By Dan Wyar
REPORTER

Late game heroics pushed the BGSU softball team past Kent State this weekend, and scoring a combined 17 runs in the two contests didn't hurt much, either.

The Falcons battled their way to a 10-8 victory Saturday in eight innings and 7-6 on Sunday, improving them to 21-10 overall and 4-0 in the Mid American Conference, their best start in club history.

"Anytime you can go start 4-0 is a really good thing, especially when it is accomplished on the road, which is always more difficult," said coach Leigh Ross. "The series with Kent State was huge, as I really feel they will be one of the top teams in the MAC and more so a team that will be a major force in our division."

On Saturday, the Falcons weren't fooling anyone, especially the Golden Flashes who scored eight runs on the Falcons, the most runs the team has given up in a MAC game since they gave up 10 against

Marshall in 2004.

After tying the game at eight in the bottom of the seventh, the Golden Flashes couldn't stop the Falcon assault in extra innings, with Gina Rango and Desire Miller scoring the winning runs, leading them to a 10-8 victory in eight innings.

The Falcons had a season best 17 hits in the victory and scored at least one run in seven of the eight innings played.

"I think we have had good hitting teams in the past, and we have had good pitching teams in the past, but this year we seem to be putting both together," Ross said. "Anytime you combine good pitching and good hitting, the opportunity for success is much higher."

Rango finished Saturday 4-for-5 at the plate, the third four-hit game of her career and on Sunday, passed former Falcon Colleen Bates by starting the 201st game of her career.

"I think it's a matter of staying healthy and basically just performing," Rango said about the record. "I'm basically here to perform well and that's what the coach recruited me here to do."

Dawnjene DeLong scored three runs on four hits for the Falcons, including the first home-



FUNDAMENTALS: Center fielder Jeanine Baca relays a ball into the infield during a game last month.

run of her collegiate career.

Miller, Ashley Zirkle, Dawnjene DeLong and Hayley Wiemer all homered for the Falcons this weekend, giving the team at 12 this season, shattering the total of seven they had all of last season.

"We've been working hard in

the weight room and basically coach Ross has told us to step up and get the big hits," Rango said. "People are really coming through with big hits and homeruns, unlikely last year where we just did the little things and got by. Now we need that bomb

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BG snaps 11-match win streak, loses twice

By Brooks Obermeyer
REPORTER

The BGSU tennis team lost for the first time in nearly two months when they fell at Ball State, 4-3, on Friday. The loss snapped the Falcons school record-winning streak at 11.

After being down 2-0 early, BG battled back to take a brief 3-2 advantage, with victories from Heidi Romer, Kelsey Jakupcin and Stefanie Menoff at No. 3, No. 5 and No. 6 singles. The Cardinals tied the score at 3-3 when Jennifer Pollack beat Jenna Nussbaum 7-6, 6-2. The deciding point came down to No. 1 singles, where Jessica Thompson came from behind to defeat BG's Ashley Jakupcin 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

BG coach Penny Dean said the team was disappointed after the match because they felt they were a better team than Ball State.

"We came out and played a little tight," Dean said. "The MAC is very good and all the teams are close and it's hard to win when you're not playing your best."

On Saturday the Falcons lost again, this time to Miami-Ohio, 4-3. BG came ready to play taking all three doubles matches and a victory by Romer at No. 3 singles to take a 2-0 lead.

The RedHawks clawed their way back into it with victories at No. 2, No. 4 and No. 5 singles. With the score knotted at three apiece, match point came down to No. 1 singles.

For the second day in a row Ashley Jakupcin was outdueled, this time by the RedHawks' Katrina Lomidze 6-3, 2-6, 7-6.

FALCON FEATS

Before falling to Ball State on Friday, the Falcon tennis team had won 11 straight matches, the longest win streak in school program history.

- Started Feb. 12 in a 6-1 rout of Wright State
- The Falcons followed with 10 more wins, including four shutouts and five 6-1 victories
- The Falcons nearly extended the streak twice this weekend but lost decisive three-set matches at No. 1 singles
- BG is now 2-2 in the Mid-American Conference and will host Western Michigan at 1 p.m. Saturday

"I was really proud of our team," Dean said. "They did great job of being motivated after losing a tough match a day earlier. Everyone competed really hard and left everything they had on the court."

Romer and Menoff continued their impressive play, each going 2-0 in singles action.

"Menoff is really cruising right now, and Romer won the most mentally tough match she's ever had against Miami," Dean said.

Although the Falcons dropped two close matches, Dean said there were some positives to take away from the matches.

"We were two points away from victories and being in first [place] in the MAC," Dean said.

Despite executive order, Reds beaten

With President Bush on hand, Cincinnati falls 16-7 in opener

By Joe Kay
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — A presidential pitch, some unexpected power, a few pratfalls. This opener had a little bit of everything.

Including a lopsided Cubs win, of course.

Chicago rolled to its fourth straight opening-day victory yesterday, 16-7 over a Cincinnati Reds team that could bring the president to town but couldn't stop the Cubs' run of first-game success.

Matt Murton homered in a five-run first inning, and Todd Walker singled home a pair of

runs in a crushing seven-run sixth that sent most of the capacity crowd to the exits on a windy, raw afternoon.

For the second year in a row, the Cubs scored a club-record 16 runs in their opener. The Reds hadn't given so many opening-day runs since '77 — 1877, that is, in a 24-6 loss to Louisville.

President Bush threw a ceremonial pitch at the invitation of new Reds owner Bob Castellini, one of his former ownership partners in the Texas Rangers. No sitting president had thrown an opening day pitch in Cincinnati.

With that little bit of history out of the way, the Cubs made a little more.

They scored five runs in the first inning, completed by

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Track successful nationwide



FAST PACE: Jamie Rofflow finished with the second best time in school history in the 5,000-meter race at the Stanford Invitational.

Whether it was Athens, Ohio or California, BG ran well over weekend

By Adam Miezian
REPORTER

The BGSU track team turned in an impressive performance on the road in Athens, Ohio, this past weekend, finishing second at the Ohio Invitational. The host Bobcats won the invitational.

The Falcons recorded seven victories on the day including one by Jessica White, who won the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.1 seconds. Other winners included Andi Bunko (javelin), Erica Wilson (high jump), Nicole Standback (100 meter hurdles) and Lacey Cochran (400 meter dash).

Another Falcon who was victorious in Athens was Andrea Pollack in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 11:57.50. Even in victory, Pollack still believes this team is capable of more.

"I have to say that I was very disappointed in finishing second place," she said. "We had a lot of good performances this weekend. Many were first place. We worked very hard and still came out a little short. It just means we must work at much harder next time."

Angela Raizis was still pleased with the team's performance, expressing her approval for the individual performances turned in this weekend.

"I definitely feel like we went out and competed at our best and things are getting better," she said. "I think we'll be even better off with Stephanie and Jamie back with us next week at All-Ohio."

Jamie Rofflow and Stephanie Hillman were out in Palo Alto, Calif., at the Nike Stanford Track and Field Invitational. Both competed in the 5,000-meter race, with Rofflow winning the heat in a time of 16:45.50 and Hillman finishing with a personal best outdoor time of 17:44.30.

Rofflow's mark is the second best time in school history and is the fastest time run by a BG runner since 1986. Maybe more importantly, it also qualifies her for the Mid-East Regional meet which will be held in Knoxville, Tenn., in late May.

At OU, Whitney Hartman finished second in a pair of events, setting a personal best in the shot put along the way. The distance of her throw was 45-02.00. She also finished second in the discus (138-09.00) and the hammer throw (164.03).

"I feel like we had a strong showing this weekend," said Kylie Korsnack. "Although we got second, we were missing Jamie and Stephanie who both would have scored more points for us. If you add more athletes to the mix, OU would not have been able to score as many people in each race."

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INAUGURAL PITCH: President Bush throws out the first pitch during yesterday's Reds-Cubs game at Great American Ballpark.

BG rallies for win over Kent

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to score the easy runs for us and our team has shown that we are powerful enough to do it."

After trailing by six runs Sunday, the Falcons rallied and scored seven runs over the last two innings, pushing them past the Golden Flashes. The last time

HARD BALL

HIT PARADE: BG had a season-high 17 hits on Saturday

LONG BALL: The Falcons have 12 homers this year

NEXT UP: Tomorrow at OSU

the Falcons trailed by six and came back to win was against Toledo on April 22, 2002 when the team trailed 6-0 after two innings, but came back to win 10-8 in nine innings.

"We will take wins, any way we can get them and as much I disliked being behind in those games, I'm very proud of our team for continuing to fight and their never-say-die attitude," Ross said. "It would have been very easy to fold up the tents when we were down by six, but they just kept battling. It was a courageous effort, and one that we should keep in the back of our mind the next time we're behind."

The team will end an eight

game road trip when they travel to Columbus on Wednesday for a doubleheader against the Buckeyes of Ohio State before returning home Friday for a doubleheader against Akron and games on Saturday and Sunday against the Ohio Bobcats.

"I think it was obvious to anyone who was at our game this weekend we were a little banged up and tired, and really didn't play sharp for the first five innings," Ross said. "We now have two days off before going to Ohio State, and then I think everyone involved with the program will be happy to be playing at home this weekend when we host Ohio and Akron."

C.C. on his way to D.L.

By Tom Withers

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cleveland ace C.C. Sabathia likely will be placed on the 15-day disabled list with a strained abdominal muscle — not the kind of strong start he and the Indians were hoping for in 2006.

Sabathia was forced from the rain-soaked season opener in Chicago on Sunday night after just 37 pitches. In the third inning, he felt his muscle "grab a little bit" while delivering a pitch to Tadahito Iguchi. "It was just the one pitch," Sabathia said. "I don't know what caused it."

Sabathia, who has posted double-digit wins the past five years, began '05 on the DL for the first time in his career with a similar injury. He got hurt last year while warming up for his first spring training outing and missed six weeks.

The Indians said the large left-hander underwent an MRI exam yesterday in Chicago, hours after the club was beaten 10-4 by the White Sox in a game interrupted for nearly three hours by rain.

The club said a formal announcement on Sabathia will be made before today's afternoon game against the White Sox.

In all likelihood, the Indians won't take any chances with the 290-pound Sabathia and will rest him until his injury is completely healed.

Right-hander Jason Davis, who has made 52 starts in the past four seasons for Cleveland, probably will be called up from Triple-A Buffalo to take Sabathia's spot in the rotation for now.

Because of three off days in the next two weeks, the Indians



Jeff Roberson AP Photo

BIG LOSS: Cleveland's C.C. Sabathia leaves during the third inning of Monday's loss at Chicago due to a strained abdominal muscle.

don't need a fifth starter until April 15.

Another option to temporarily replace Sabathia is Fausto Carmona. Indians manager Eric Wedge has called the 22-year-old right-hander "our sixth starter."

Last year, the 25-year-old Sabathia was sidelined for all of spring training and didn't make his first start until April 22, when he pitched five innings and got a no-decision in a 2-1 win over Minnesota.

The Indians went only 9-14 last April. This year the club's focus was to begin better, but they may now be forced to do it without their top pitcher.

Sabathia struggled through the first half of last season. He dropped to 4-6 after July and

was booed at Jacobs Field by Indians fans. But the 6-foot-7 Sabathia came on strong, going 9-1 in his final 11 starts and carrying Cleveland during its failed push for the AL playoffs.

In his final start, Sabathia pitched eight shutout innings in a 6-0 win over Tampa Bay — Cleveland's only win in its final seven games when the Indians collapsed and missed making the postseason.

Sabathia has always had to battle his weight, but he has been more committed in the past few off seasons to staying in better shape. He pulled out of pitching for the U.S. team in the World Baseball Classic so he would be ready for the season, another sign of his resolve to be the Indians' No. 1 starter.

TITLE GAME



Mark Humphrey AP photo

STANDING TALL: UCLA's Jordan Farmar tries to block Florida's Joakim Noah during the first half of the National Championship game last night. The result of the game was not known at deadline.

Hughes may play tonight

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cavaliers guard Larry Hughes could play tonight for the first time in three months after having surgery twice since January on his broken right middle finger.

Hughes' status for the game against Philadelphia was upgraded yesterday from out to doubtful. He will be evaluated again after practice this morning.

Hughes was expected to miss the rest of the regular season but was cleared last week to begin light practice.

Hughes was supposed to miss six to eight weeks after having surgery Jan. 6. However, the finger didn't heal properly and he had a second surgery Feb. 14.

Hughes, who signed a five-year, \$60 million contract in the offseason, averaged 16.2 points and 3.9 assists in 28 games before the injury.

Forward Luke Jackson, who broke his left wrist in early February, also resumed practice, but remained listed as out.

The Cavaliers have clinched their first playoff berth since 1998 and are attempting to lock up the fourth seed in the Eastern Conference.

Reds sluggish to start

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Murton's three-run homer. The Reds hadn't given up five runs in the first inning of an opener since that loss to Louisville in 1877, eight years after they became baseball's first professional team.

Then, Chicago sent a dozen batters to the plate to take control in the sixth inning, extending its stretch of impressive first games. The Cubs scored 15 runs in the 2003 opener, tying what was then the club record, and topped it with a 16-6 victory in Arizona last year that set the new standard.

It's the first time since 1950-55 that they've won four consecutive openers. They've piled up 54 runs in those four games.

Two of those four wins have come over Cincinnati, which is mired in its deepest slump since 1955 — five straight losing seasons — and looked like more of the same under new ownership. Left fielder Adam Dunn, a fellow

Texan who chatted with Bush in the clubhouse before the game, provided a signature moment when he turned the wrong way and then fell on the warning track while chasing Derrek Lee's RBI double in the sixth.

By contrast, the Cubs looked right at home on a raw afternoon with the wind blowing out — much like Wrigley Field in April.

Murton got it going with his homer off loser Aaron Harang, his eighth in the majors. He also slammed into the scoreboard in the left-field wall to catch Austin Kearns' fly with the bases loaded in the bottom of the inning.

The 24-year-old Murton was a key part of the Cubs' youngest opening day lineup since 1977.

For the second year in a row, Carlos Zambrano failed to make it through the fifth inning of an opening day start. Scott Hatteberg hit a three-run homer, and Dunn tied it with a leadoff homer in the fifth.

Falcon relay teams finish well

RELAY, FROM PAGE 12

The 1600-meter relay team consisting of Lyndi Springer, Jessica White, Megan McAuley and Lacey Cochran finished second with a time of 4:01.20.

"We are a very talented group of runners, and to see all of us succeed would without a doubt

be great," Pollack said. "I see this team being a big competitor to other teams; we just have to go for it."

With Roffow and Hillman rejoining the team next weekend, scoring should be at the peak for the Falcons. The full team will be in Columbus, where the Falcons hope to leave their mark on the All-Ohio meet. Last year, the

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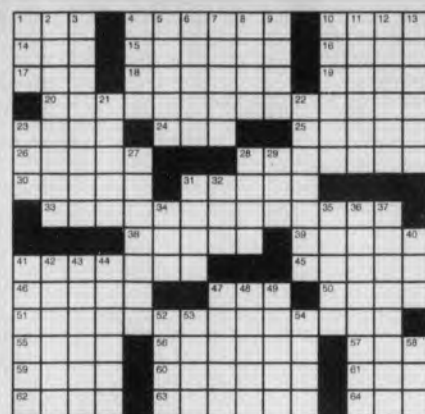
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- 3 Kline/Field movie
- 4 Train like Rocky
- 5 Dine at home
- 6 RBIs and such
- 7 Skylit courtyards
- 8 Chow or lo follower
- 9 Formerly, formerly
- 10 Give consent
- 11 Picked out
- 12 Fishing gear
- 13 Failed to leave
- 21 Region of Asia Minor
- 22 Certain cigars
- 23 Gray Johnny
- 27 Ring-shaped molding
- 28 Web page file letters
- 29 Goddess of folly
- 31 Rocker Jett
- 32 Aussie non-flier
- 34 Your, long ago
- 35 Texas landmark
- 36 With eyelashes
- 37 Baddie
- 40 System or friendly

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- 1 Suppositions
- 4 Open _ _
- 10 Does things
- 14 Bus. bigwig
- 15 Glib speech
- 16 Make small talk
- 17 Land of the free
- 18 Some arcade games
- 19 Zany Imogene
- 20 Norman Greenbaum hit
- 23 Decorate differently
- 24 Org. concerned with cryptology
- 25 An Astaire
- 26 Minneapolis suburb
- 28 Given sanctuary
- 30 Arrive via Greyhound
- 31 Volkswagen model
- 33 George Lucas hit
- 38 Truck renter
- 39 In existence
- 41 French or Monroe

- 45 Of quartz or feldspar
- 46 Make right
- 47 Sault _ Marie
- 50 "Venus de _"
- 51 Bruce Springsteen hit
- 55 Mexican mooia
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